



Summary Report on the Adult Detention Operational Master Plan

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Key Findings

- The OMP contains several promising ideas for improving operations at the county's two jails.
 - ISP meets council intent--flexible design.
 - We support the overall conclusions and recommendations of the OMP.
- The options can achieve significant cost savings if implemented.
- Implementation will be gradual and take time.
 - Independent evaluation recommended.

KCAO independent oversight role on OMP & ISP

- Mandated
- Ongoing
- Advisory Group
- Cooperative & collaborative effort
- Accomplishments

Cost savings

- Estimated potential range: from \$3 million to \$3.7 million per year.
- Additional savings possible
 - Some savings yet to be quantified
 - Dependent on what is feasible and actually implemented over time.

OMP options

- Some alternatives can be pursued immediately
- Other alternatives are dependent on completion of the ISP
 - More than half the estimated range of potential savings is made possible by the ISP

Implementation

- Will be a gradual and collaborative process
 - DAJD and other agencies
 - Collective bargaining units
- Testing and evaluation recommended on a small scale before widespread implementation occurs

Recommendations

- *An independent consultant should be retained to develop a plan and criteria for testing and evaluation of operational alternatives proposed by the OMP.*
 - *Report results to the council and to the executive.*
- *DAJD should make periodic status reports to the council and the executive on the progress of its implementation plans for the operational alternatives and additional issues for further study identified in the OMP report.*